

Optimal Decision Tree Size vs. Minimal Disjoint CDNF size for a specific Boolean Function of Degree 6

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$$size_{DT}(f(x) \oplus g(y)) = size_{DT}(f(x)) \cdot size_{DT}(g(y))$$

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$$size_{DCD}(f(x) \oplus g(y)) \leq size_{DCD}(f(x)) \cdot size_{DCD}(g(y))$$

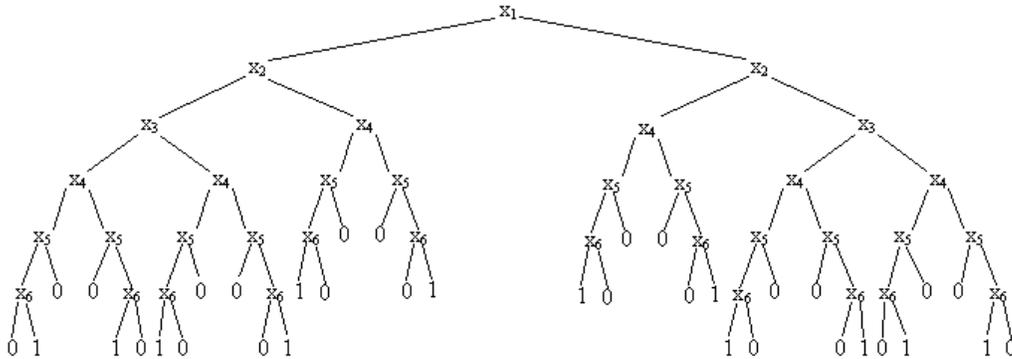
I have previously shown that the boolean function on three variables $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1x_2x_3 + \bar{x}_1\bar{x}_2\bar{x}_3$ has a minimal disjoint CDNF of size 5 and an optimal decision tree of size 6. I will now determine the size of a minimal disjoint CDNF and an optimal decision tree for $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6) = (x_1x_2x_3 + \bar{x}_1\bar{x}_2\bar{x}_3) \oplus (x_4x_5x_6 + \bar{x}_4\bar{x}_5\bar{x}_6)$, which is the function that is the exclusive or of the previous function with itself on two sets of disjoint variables. In doing so, I am looking to support or disprove my conjecture that if any Boolean function on n variables can be represented by a minimal disjoint CDNF of size s , then the size of its corresponding optimal decision tree is at most $s^{\frac{\log 6}{\log 5}}$.

| truth table for $(x_1x_2x_3 + \bar{x}_1\bar{x}_2\bar{x}_3) \oplus (x_4x_5x_6 + \bar{x}_4\bar{x}_5\bar{x}_6)$ | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|---|--|
| x_1 | x_2 | x_3 | x_4 | x_5 | x_6 | $x_1x_2x_3 + \bar{x}_1\bar{x}_2\bar{x}_3$ | $x_4x_5x_6 + \bar{x}_4\bar{x}_5\bar{x}_6$ | $(x_1x_2x_3 + \bar{x}_1\bar{x}_2\bar{x}_3) \oplus (x_4x_5x_6 + \bar{x}_4\bar{x}_5\bar{x}_6)$ |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |

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|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| x_4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| x_5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| x_6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

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|-------|-------|-------|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| x_1 | x_2 | x_3 | | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | | | | | 1 | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | 1 | |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | | | | | 1 | |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | | 1 | |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | | 1 | |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | |

Figure 1: Karnaugh map for $(x_1x_2x_3 + \bar{x}_1\bar{x}_2\bar{x}_3) \oplus (x_4x_5x_6 + \bar{x}_4\bar{x}_5\bar{x}_6)$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & (x_1x_2x_3x_4\bar{x}_6 + x_1x_2x_3\bar{x}_5x_6 + x_1x_2x_3\bar{x}_4x_5 + x_1\bar{x}_3x_4x_5x_6 + \bar{x}_2x_3x_4x_5x_6 + \bar{x}_1x_2x_4x_5x_6 + \bar{x}_1\bar{x}_2\bar{x}_3x_4\bar{x}_6 + \\
 & \bar{x}_1\bar{x}_2\bar{x}_3\bar{x}_5x_6 + \bar{x}_1\bar{x}_2\bar{x}_3\bar{x}_4x_5 + x_1\bar{x}_3\bar{x}_4\bar{x}_5\bar{x}_6 + \bar{x}_2x_3\bar{x}_4\bar{x}_5\bar{x}_6 + \bar{x}_1x_2\bar{x}_4\bar{x}_5\bar{x}_6, x_1x_2x_3x_4x_5x_6 + x_1x_2x_3\bar{x}_4\bar{x}_5\bar{x}_6 + \\
 & x_1\bar{x}_3x_4\bar{x}_6 + x_1\bar{x}_3\bar{x}_5x_6 + x_1\bar{x}_3\bar{x}_4x_5 + \bar{x}_2x_3x_4\bar{x}_6 + \bar{x}_2x_3\bar{x}_5x_6 + \bar{x}_2x_3\bar{x}_4x_5 + \bar{x}_1\bar{x}_2\bar{x}_3x_4x_5x_6 + \bar{x}_1\bar{x}_2\bar{x}_3\bar{x}_4\bar{x}_5\bar{x}_6 + \\
 & \bar{x}_1x_2x_4\bar{x}_6 + \bar{x}_1x_2\bar{x}_5x_6 + \bar{x}_1x_2\bar{x}_4x_5)
 \end{aligned}$$

Figure 2: disjoint CDNF and decision tree for $(x_1x_2x_3 + \bar{x}_1\bar{x}_2\bar{x}_3) \oplus (x_4x_5x_6 + \bar{x}_4\bar{x}_5\bar{x}_6)$

Therefore, $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6) = (x_1x_2x_3 + \bar{x}_1\bar{x}_2\bar{x}_3) \oplus (x_4x_5x_6 + \bar{x}_4\bar{x}_5\bar{x}_6)$ has a minimal disjoint CDNF of size 25 and an optimal decision tree of size 36. This conclusion supports Bshouty's findings as well as my conjecture that if any Boolean function on n variables can be represented by a minimal disjoint CDNF of size s , then the size of its corresponding optimal decision tree is at most $s^{\frac{\log 6}{\log 5}}$.